Orissa with a view to remove the education and scientific backwardness;

(b) whether the Government have conducted any survey in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Except for the Indian Institute of Technology (III) in Assam, it is not proposed to set up any other IIT elsewhere in the country at present.

[*English*]

Reply to Letter from Members of Parliament

4249. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of HUMAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, does not acknowledge and reply to letters from Member of Parliament; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the government for the immediate replying of letters from Members of Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Leasing out Bangaram Island of Lakshadweep

4250. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURSIM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Tourism resort located in Bangaram Island of Laksheadweep has been leased out to a hotel group;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the main terms and conditions of the lease entered into in this regard;

(c) the period of lease and the date of its termination/renewal;

(d) the benefits accrued to the Lakshadweep administration so far on this account; and

(e) if not, the remedial steps proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following are the main terms and conditions of the lease deed executed between the hotel group called M/s. Casino and 'Sports' which is the nodal agency in Lakshadweep for promotion of tourism:-

(i) M/s. Casino has to pay a royalty at the rate of Rs. 1,20,000/ payable in advance in quarterly instalments.

(ii) M/s Casino has also to pay rent calculated at the rate of 16.67 per cent of the gross turn over payable in quarterly instalments subject to a minimum of Rs. 7,50,000/- per annum.